(SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not maintain information on issues relating to day-to-day management of religious institutions or places of worship.

Help to rape victims

4244. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from a Bombay based organisation, named integrity foundation "for provision of facilities like "Rape Crisis Centres (RCC)" and "Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATU)" for helping the rape victims throughout the country on the lines of such centres and units functioning in Denmark; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No Sir.

However, a representation from a Bombay based organisation for setting up facilities like Rape Crisis Centres and Sexual Assault Tratment Units on the lines of such centres and units functioning in Dublin (not Denmark) has been received in the Department of Women and Child Development which is under their consideration.

Ratio of rural and urban population

•†4245. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of rural and urban population at the time of independence;

(b) the present ratio of rural and urban population; and

(c) whether Government are facing difficulties due to the changed ratio since independence and the steps Government have taken to correct this mismatching ratio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The first census that was undertaken in the country after the independence was the 1951 Census. The ratio of urban to rural population at the time of 1951 Census was 1:4.8.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The present ratio of urban to rural population of the country is not available. However, the ratio of urban to rural population as per the provisional results of Census of India 2001 as on 1st March, 2001 is 1:2.6.

(c) Since 1951, while the rural population grew 2.5 times the urban population grew 4.5 times. Urbanization a common phenomenon observed all over the world. The faster growth of population in urban area does have an impact on urban infrastructure and services. The Government has taken several steps to improve the basic facilities in urban Local Bodies like

(i) The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act to decentralize power, strengthen democracy at local level for effective functioning to ensure provision of urban services and infrastructure and to empower Local Bodies for good governance.

(ii) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT): to optimize the productive advantage of cities and towns.

(iii) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructure Development in Megacities: to promote sustainable investments in urban infrastructure.

(iv) The establishment of National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB): to help prepare a regional plan for the development of NCR.

Recruitment of Constables in CISF

4246. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently CISF have undertaken a recruitment drive to be post of Constable from Jhansi and Mathura;

(b) whether it is a fact that some persons have recruited by sources and some other persons i.e. those who have no source could not be successful; and

(c) the action being taken against those officials and how many persons have been selected, name-wise?